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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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AMEMBASSY PARIS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 5440

EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SEVEN "SABOTEURS" REPORTEDLY CHARGED IN CONNECTION  
WITH PHALANGE/PALESTINIAN CLASHES

REF: BEIRUT 5296

1. BEIRUT PRESS APR 25 CARRIED VARIOUS VERSIONS  
OF REPORT THAT GOL HAS ISSUED WARRANTS FOR ARREST  
OF SEVEN PERSONS ON CHARGES OF SABOTAGE DURING OR  
AFTER LAST WEEK'S PHALANGE-FEDAYEEN CLASHES HERE.  
WARRANTS REPORTEDLY CHARGE THEM WITH CONSPIRACY  
TO STEAL AUTOMOBILES, LOAD THEM WITH EXPLOSIVES  
AND PARK THEM IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PHALANGIST  
DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS. NAMES OF THOSE CHARGED  
WERE NOT RPT NOT RELEASED, BUT MOST PRESS AC-  
COUNTS ALLEGED THAT ONE PERSON IS FRENCH NATIONAL  
AND OTHERS SPEAK OF AN AUSTRIAN. FRENCH-  
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LANGUAGE DAILY, L'ORIENT-LE-JOUR, STATES THAT ALL

SEVEN ARE AFFILIATED WITH IRAQI-SUPPORTED FEDAYEEN  
GROUP, ARAB LIBERATION FRONT.

2. MEANWHILE, PRIMIN SOLH, WHO HAS ALLUDED  
FREQUENTLY TO "HIDDEN HANDS" WHICH ALLEGEDLY HAVE  
BEEN TRYING REKINDLE CLASHES FOLLOWING CONCLUSION  
OF APR 16 CEASEFIRE (REFTEL), HAS ASSERTED HE WILL  
HOLD NEWS CONFERENCE SOON TO ANSWER HIS CRITICS  
AND TO REVEAL FACTS WHICH WILL "MAKE CHILDRENS'  
HAIR TURN GREY." STILL REFUSING TO IDENTIFY ELE-  
MENTS WHO COMPRIZE MYSTERIOUS "HIDDEN HANDS", SOLH  
DECLARED APR 24 THAT THOSE "WHO WANTED TO BURN  
LEBANON HAVE THEMSELVES BEEN BURNED."

3. COMMENT: BEIRUT IS ALIVE WITH RUMORS ABOUT  
"HIDDEN HANDS" AND SO-CALLED "THIRD PARTIES."  
WE ARE CONSTANTLY TOLD BY VARIOUS LOCAL CONTACTS  
THAT NUMBER OF AGENTS PROVATEUR, SNIPERS, ETC.,  
HAVE BEEN ARRESTED BY SECURITY FORCES OVER LAST  
WEEK OR SO AND THAT THEY INCLUDE SIGNIFICANT  
PROPORTION OF NON-LEBANESE, BOTH ARABS AND NON-  
ARABS. ONE RELIABLE GOL SOURCE EVEN TOLD EMBOFF  
THAT ONE DETAINEE IS NATIONAL OF CHAD. SEVEN  
ADDITIONAL WARRANTS ANNOUNCED APR 25, THEREFORE,  
COULD ADD TO A TOTAL WHICH NOW MAY REACH AS HIGH  
AS 25-30.  
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